

Education Administration & Planning 1

Amendment No. 1 to HB0531

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1218

House Bill No. 531*

by deleting subdivision (b)(2) of Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

(2) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means a postsecondary institution that is eligible for the Tennessee education lottery scholarship, as defined in § 49-4-902, on July 1, 2013, and remains eligible thereafter;

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subdivision (c)(1) of Section 1, the word "bachelor" and substituting instead the word "baccalaureate".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting subdivision (d)(2) of Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

(2) Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 at the end of each academic year as determined by the institution attended;

AND FURTHER AMEND by inserting the following as a new subsection (i) of Section 1 and renumbering the subsequent subsections accordingly:

(i) Notwithstanding subsection (h), the amount of the Tennessee reconnect grant at an eligible four-year public postsecondary institution or an eligible private institution shall be the average cost of tuition and mandatory fees at the public two-year postsecondary institutions less all other gift aid. Gift aid shall be credited first to the average tuition and mandatory fees as described in subsection (h);

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 2 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(27), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following language:

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(27) "Nontraditional student" means a student who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age and who enrolls in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible four-year postsecondary institution:

(A) As an entering freshman; or

(B) At least two (2) years after last attending any postsecondary institution;

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 3 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-914, is amended by deleting subsections (a) and (c) in their entireties and substituting instead the following language:

(a) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly and any provision of law relating to a shortfall in funds available for postsecondary financial assistance from the net proceeds of the state lottery, the amount of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship and Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students awarded to a student attending an eligible four-year postsecondary institution while enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program shall be one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750) for full-time attendance for each semester. This award amount shall apply to each entering freshman in the fall term of 2015, and thereafter, and shall continue through the final semester of such student's sophomore year. The determination of a student's status as a freshman or sophomore shall be made by the postsecondary institution attended.

(c) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly and any provision of law relating to a shortfall in funds available for postsecondary financial assistance from the net proceeds of the state lottery, a Tennessee HOPE scholarship awarded to a student attending an eligible two-year postsecondary institution shall be one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for full-time attendance for each semester. This award amount shall apply to the initial entering freshman class beginning in the fall term of 2015 and to each entering class thereafter.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 8 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-931(a)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

Enroll in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible four-year postsecondary institution and attempt at least twelve (12) semester hours;